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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: ENCRYPTING/DECRYPTING SYSTEM WITH PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC
DEVICE/UNIT AND METHOD THEREOF

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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 1999, and having a period for response set to expire on June 23, 1999. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** the claims as follows:

Sub C2 1. (ONCE AMENDED) An encrypting apparatus, comprising:

Sub C2 circuit means, having at least one programmable logic device, for forming an encrypting circuit with the programmable logic device corresponding to given encrypting specifications; and

5 changing means for reading change data for changing the encrypting specifications and automatically changing a structure of the encrypting circuit corresponding to the change data.